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1. WE DEFER TO EMBASSY ON WHETHER IT WISHES TO INVITE BELSON OR MEYER FOR SHORT-TERM LECTURES IN MANAGEMENT ON FULBRIGHT INTER-COUNTRY EXCHANGE. IT APPEARED TO CU/EE AND CIES THAT THIS WAS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE WAY TO DETERMINE POLISH NEEDS FOR LECTURERS IN MANAGEMENT. ONE OF DIFFICULTIES CIES HAS HAD IN RECRUITING IN THIS FIELD IS THE LACK OF PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON WHAT THE POLES ACTUALLY WANT OR NEED. WITH THIS IN MIND, CIES EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN ARRANGING FOR POSSIBLE VISITS BY FULBRIGHT LECTURERS MEYER FROM THE U.K. OR BELSON FROM YUGOSLAVIA.

2. THE DECISION ON FUTURE MANAGEMENT LECTURERS IS ALSO, OF COURSE, UP TO EMBASSY. BUT BASIC ISSUE APPEARS TO BE WHETHER EMBASSY WISHES TO CONTINUE TO HAVE FOURTEEN AMERICANS LECTURING IN LITERATURE, LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH TEACHING, FOR TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS
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230,000, OR WHETHER SOME OF THESE GRANTS SHOULD BE USED FOR

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MANAGEMENT OR OTHER DISCIPLINES. WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH POLES AT RECENT CULTURAL TALKS HERE, POINTING OUT THAT LECTURER EXCHANGE WAS MAJOR ITEM IN OUR BUDGET AND LEFT LITTLE FUNDING FOR OTHER PROGRAMS. POLISH DELEGATION REPEATED MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CLAIM OF HIGH PRIORITY FOR AMERICAN LITERATURE AND ENGLISH TEACHING AND AGREED TO DISCUSS WITH MINISTRY ON RETURN TO WARSAW.

3. WITH REGARD TO DIFFICULTIES WHICH U.S. LECTURERS MAY HAVE IN COMMUNICATING WITH POLISH STUDENTS IN OTHER DISCIPLINES, WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT FULBRIGHT LECTURERS ARE CURRENTLY LECTURING IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE SOVIET UNION AND YUGOSLAVIA IN ALL FIELDS. IN ROMANIA EFFORTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO REDUCE THE EMPHASIS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN THE FULBRIGHT LECTURER PROGRAM AND TO SUBSTITUTE LECTURERS IN THE SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES. IN HUNGARY WE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING A FULBRIGHT LECTURER IN THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SOME OF THESE IDEAS IN PLANNING PROGRAM IN FY 77 AND 78. KISSINGER

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